

Returned Soldiers Association - Upper Hutt



(Reference Photograph private collection Upper Hutt Return Service Association Memorial Wall)

The New Zealand Returned Soldiers Association was founded in 1916 by wounded veterans returning from World War One. The Upper Hutt R.S.A. was formed in 1930 as a sub branch of the Wellington R.S.A. and became an independent branch in 1947. It was not until recent times that the renamed Returned Services Association became involved with the local War Memorial.

In September 1937 the Upper Hutt Borough Council Mayor Angus McCurdy and Returned Soldiers Association began discussions to erect a Soldiers Memorial Hall. The proposed Upper Hutt Soldiers Memorial Hall site was chosen on the corner of Liverpool Street and Main Road South (Fergusson Drive) in Trentham. Nothing else is known about the proposed hall.

The R.S.A. hall in Rosenberg Street was opened in 1941 and RSA members marched from their existing rooms to the new hall but the situation of the old rooms is unknown. Rosenberg Street was renamed Wakefield Street during World War Two.

The Upper Hutt Returned Services Association Roll of Honour plaque is situated at the top on the R.S.A. Memorial wall in the Cosmopolitan Club at 11 Logan Street Upper Hutt. The details recorded on the plaque include World War One and World War Two Service Personnel.

The Upper Hutt Returned Services Association memorial plaque records exactly the same service personnel details as the original "*Upper Hutt District Military Roll of Honour*" that was once situated on the memorial wall outside the Upper Hutt Civic Centre on Fergusson Driver in Upper Hutt

The R.S.A. update the Upper Hutt District Military Roll of Honour outside the Civic Centre and the new plaque was unveiled on Thursday 25 August 2016 at 2 p.m.

World War One Roll 1914-1918

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth-Death</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service No</i>
BOYLE Claude	1896-1916	Trooper	13/3113
COMESKEY James	1895-1918	Private	10/3221
COMESKEY Peter Leonard Cuthbert	1892-1916	Private	10/2894
COTTLE Donald Charles	1898-1918	Rifleman	18624
GEANGE John Wallace	1891-1917	Trooper	11/53
GOLDER Linus Bernard	1898-1918	Private	79138
JONES Arthur David	1892-1918	Rifleman	44288
JONES Roderick Leslie	1898-1918	Rifleman	33381
KEYS George Ernest	1892-1917	Private	41822
LAY Harold George	1891-1918	Corporal	20541
MABEY Job Henry	1880-1923	Private	41855
MARTIN James Horace	1888-1918	Sapper	4/1973
MOULDER Henry	1896-1917	Private	37840
O'LEARY Daniel Cornelius	1887-1917	Sergeant	1154
SMITH George Cotton	1893-1917	Private	8/2474
WILKIE David Howard	1890-1917	Private	10/3429

World War Two Roll 1939-1945

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth-Death</i>	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Service No</i>
ATKINSON Edward Harry Frederick	1922-1944	Sergeant	424961
BAILLIE William Charles	1911-1944	Sapper	38398
BANKS-MARTIN Robert Alexander	1917-1943	Pilot/Sergeant	414226
BENNETT Thomas Samuel Eric	1912-1943	Flight Sergeant	415055
BRADDOCK Robert Jack	1918-1944	Warrant Officer	416081
CHANEL Bernard Anthony	1922-1944	Private	441279
COMESKEY Leo James	1920-1944	Flight Sergeant	428082
DOUGLAS Trevor Neil	1922-1945	Trooper	451234
ELLIS Norman Charles	1918-1941	Private	41308
FENN Albert Caleb Roy	1919-1942	Lance Bombardier	60469
GALVIN Ian Robert	1921-1944	Trooper	80287
GOOD Nolan Alexander	1923-1944	Flight Sergeant	428104
HARTLEY Joseph	1915-1945	Flight Sergeant	4314306
HOOPER Harold	0000-1942	Private	43814
HUNT George William	1918-1940	Sergeant Pilot	39922
LANSDOWN Ernest George	1917-1943	Corporal	38643
LECKIE Thomas William McClure	1917-1941	Pilot Officer	402196
MAFFEY Leslie Walden Ellyett	1922-1945	Lieutenant (A)	NN
MAFFEY Harold Gilbert Ellyett	1917-1941	Sergeant	20178
MILLIGAN William Edward	1909-1941	Sergeant	6681
PALMER Alexander Francis	1921-1944	Private	41330
SPENCER Kenneth Stuart	1911-1942	Sergeant (Observer)	41552
THOMAS Clifford William	1896-1944	Major	244549 British
UNSWORTH C A	unknown	Lieutenant	unknown